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1. COUNCIL REPS AT JUNE 25 MEETING APPROVED NEW U.S.
PROPOSED CONTRIBUTION FORMULA (ENTAILING EQUAL PERCENTAGE
INCREASES FOR EACH MEMBER) FOR FY75 IN LIEU OF
SECGEN'S EARLIER PROPOSED PRO RATA-BASED FORMULA
(WHICH WOULD HAVE RAISED U.S. TO 31.8 PERCENT). MEMBERS'
NEW CONTRIBUTION PERCENTAGES WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:
AUSTRALIA-17.08, NEW ZEALAND, PHILIPPINES AND THAILAND-11.58
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EACH, U.K.-19.58 AND U.S.-28.6 PERCENT. IN APPROVING U.S.

PROPOSAL, AUSTRALIAN REP MADE "SOUR GRAPES" STATEMENT THAT NEW CONTRIBUTION FORMULA WOULD APPEAR TO BE CONTRARY TO "ABILITY TO PAY" PRINCIPLE FUNDAMENTAL IN FINANCIALLY SUPPORTING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.

2. SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION BY NEW ZEALAND, COUNCIL REPS ALSO APPROVED FY 75 SEATO BUDGET OF \$1,313,078 WHICH IS \$147,128 LESS THAN THAT ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY SECRETARIAT. APPROVED BUDGET, HOWEVER, DOES INCLUDE ALL-TIME HIGH OF \$250,481 FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO EDUCATIONAL, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROJECTS OF DIRECT BENEFIT TO REGIONAL MEMBERS, AND REPRESENTS ALMOST 20 PERCENT BUDGET TOTAL. REDUCTING ESTIMATED MISCELLANEOUS INCOME OF \$27,200 LEAVES BALANCE PAYABLE BY MEMBERS OF \$1,285,878. BASED ON OUR APPROVED CONTRIBUTION FORMULA, U.S. ASSESSMENT FOR FY 75 WILL BE \$367,761.12, OR \$50,011.60 LESS THAN FOR FY74.

3. NEW ZEALAND REP STATED THAT HE FULLY EXPECTED GNZ CONVEY BUDGET APPROVAL.

4. EMBASSY APPRECIATES EFFORTS ON PARTS OF DEPARTMENT, CANBERRA, AND WELLINGTON TO GET GOA AND GNZ TO LOOSEN PURSE STRINGS RE SEATO BUDGET.
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